

Prescription Drug Abuse Facts

- Unintentional fatal drug overdoses **nearly doubled** over 5 years
- Overdoses now **#2 cause** of accidental death (after car crashes)
- **Prescription drugs** the chief cause of increase in deaths
- 1 in 5 teens has abused a prescription pain medicine
- 1 in 5 report abusing prescription stimulants and tranquilizers
- 1 in 10 has abused cough medicine
- Kentucky **leads the nation** in using prescription drugs for non-medical purposes in the past year
- Kentucky **leads the nation** in using pain relievers such as Darvon and Percodan for non-medical use
- Kentucky **leads the nation** in using tranquilizers such as Xanax and Valium for non-medical use
- Nearly 10 percent of Kentucky 12th-graders had used prescription narcotics in the previous 30 days